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In the application of:

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For: METHODS FOR PROTECTION OF

STRATIFIED SQUAMOUS

EPITHELIUM AGAINST INJURY BY

NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES AND NOVEL AGENTS FOR USE

THEREFOR

Examiner: E. Sackey

Group Art Unit: 1626

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

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